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Arab States: The agreement between Nasir and King Faysal to take steps to end the civil war in Yemen is the only significant result so far of the Arab Summit meeting in Khartoum.

The two leaders reportedly have agreed on the formation of a tripartite committee, composed of Morocco, Iraq, and the Sudan, to draw up plans for withdrawing Egyptian troops from Yemen and suspending Saudi military aid to the Yemeni royalists. No mention was made, however, of the fundamental issues on which the Nasir-Faysal agreement of 1965 foundered, such as the composition of the future Yemeni government. It remains to be seen whether the new effort will be any more successful than its predecessor.

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According to some press reports, Nasir has joined King Husayn in suggesting that the time has come to reach some accommodation with Israel. Nasir has tried to shift the onus for such a move onto the more moderate states by citing their failure to support more militant proposals. It is almost certain that the current leaders of Syria or Algeria would not agree to a settlement with Israel, but the other Arab states might well follow Egypt's lead in the matter.

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Africa: The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) meets on 4 September in Kinshasa to set the stage for the annual "summit" conference of African heads of state on 11 September. Many delegates are concerned over the security situation in the Congo, and there is little they really want to talk about. Only a dozen or so heads of state plan to attend. President Mobutu, who has long sought to host the meeting, is trying to round up as many African leaders as possible in the hope of getting a strong endorsement of his regime. [REDACTED]

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Denmark: Prime Minister Krag maintains that legally he cannot prevent the second Russell "War Crimes" tribunal from meeting in Copenhagen. A meeting reportedly is planned there in October or November. Apart from the legalities, Krag's government depends on a far-left splinter party for parliamentary support, and he probably fears that any move against the Russell group would cost him the support of this party and of some extremists in his own party. [REDACTED]

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